

Violation Notice Letter

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Date : 11/09/2025

To: Shri/M/s. Mr THACHAT
VISWANATH
NARENDRAN, Nominated
Owner, Tata Steel Limited,
Bombay House,24 Homi
Mody ,street Fort,, Mumbai,
Guruda Village & Mandal,
Kendujhar district, Odisha,-
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Subject : Violation of provisions of MCDR, 2017 read with MCDR (Amendment), 2021 in respect of your Tirning Pahar Manganese & Iron ore Mine (Mine Code: 40ORI08033) of M/s. TATA Steel Limited over an area of 169.00 ha in Bamebari Village, Champua Tahsil, Kendujhar District of Odisha State.

Sir, The following provisions of Mineral Conservation and Development Rules, 2017 read with MCDR (Amendment), 2021 were found violated in respect of the above said mine during inspection on 26.07.2025 by the undersigned, in presence of Shri Rakesh Kumar, Mine Manager, Shri Rishikant Maurya, Geologist and other mining officials. Review of the Mining Plan was approved vide letter no. No. RMP/A/07-ORI/BHU/2020-21, Dtd. 31.07.2020 for the period 2020-21 to 2024-25. The mining operations are not being carried out in accordance with the approved mining plan. The deviations observed in mining operations vis-à-vis the approved document are given below.

Summary of Violations :

Items for Reporting	As Per Plan	Actual	Deviati on	Rule	Reason
Development - Opencast: Location of development w.r.t. lease area	Guruda A Quarry - 1 - 11 117N-1 1462N & 1193 3E-121 78E from 576 mRL to 664 mRL. Quarry - 3 - 11 439N-1 1640N & 1163 8E-118 78E from 622 mRL to 710 mRL.	Guruda A Quarry - 1 - 11 151N-1 1434N & 11951E -12178 E from 613 mRL to 657 mRL. Quarry - 3 No d evelop ment carried out during the year.	For the year 2024-25 there was a proposa l to excavat e 3387 Cum of topsoil + 6768 38Cum of OB+ 367264 tonnes of Man ganese ore+45 3491ton nes of Iron ore from Guruda - A block and 959	Rule 11(1),	

			<p>0Cum of topsoil + 1404 185Cu m of O B+1707 36 Tonnes of Manganese ore+63 509 tonnes of Iron ore from Guruda B block. It is observed that no excavation has been carried out in Guruda B block.</p>		
<p>Development - Opencast: Quantity of overburden generation in m3</p>	<p>Guruda A 676838 Guruda B 1404 185 Total 2 081023</p>	<p>Guruda A 6937 6.653 Guruda B Nil Total 6 9376.653</p>	<p>During the year 2024-25, in Guruda - A block, it is observed that the waste of 6937</p>	<p>Rule 11(1),</p>	

			6.65Cu m has been ge nerated against the proposa l of 676 838m. It is obs erved that the actual g eneratio n of waste is only 10.25% of the p roposed waste.		
Development - Opencast: Quantity of topsoil generation in m ³	Guruda A 3387 Guruda B 9590 Total - 12977	Guruda A 0 Guruda B 0 Total - 0	During the year 2024-2 5, in Guruda - A block no topsoil has been ge nerated against the proposa l of 338 7Cum.	Rule 11(1),	
Exploitation - Opencast Mine: Quantity of ROM mineral	(Manga nese Ore) Guruda	Guruda A 57997 Guruda	The pro duction propose d for	Rule 11(1),	

production proposed (in T)	A 367264 Guruda B 170736 Total 538000	B Nil Total 57997	the year 2024-25 was given for manganese ROM 538000 tonnes & Iron ore of 517000 tonnes and against which only 57997 tonnes of manganese ROM and Nil Iron ore production reported, which is only 10.8% for Manganese.		
Exploitation - Opencast Mine: Quantity of mineral reject/Sub-grade generation	Manganese Ore Guruda A 239514 Guruda B 68486 Total 308000 Iron	Guruda A 1223 8.02 Guruda B Nil Total 12238.02 tonnes Iron Ore Guruda	For the Year 2024-25, It is observed that the in Guruda - A block actual	Rule 11(1),	

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			<p>514tonnes). Hence, it is observed that there is a major variation in quantity of Iron Ore (Mineral Reject, +45 to -58% Fe) produced in the mine with respect to the approved proposal. Nearly 86.5% of iron Ore Mineral Reject produced in the mine, which is not convincing.</p>		
Environment: Phased restoration, reclamation and	Dump Plantation 1.38 ha	2300 number of sapling.	For the year 2024-25 there	Rule 11(1),	

rehabilitation of lands affected by mining operations (Pits, dumps etc)	(3455 Nos. of Sapling) over Waste Dump D4 at Guruda A and 1.268 ha with 3170 numbers of sapling on back fill area.	was a proposal of 2.65ha of plantation on dump D-4 and back fill area with 6625 no. of saplings against which only 2300 numbers of saplings have been planted.		
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02. In this connection, it is brought to your notice that the above violations constitute an offence punishable under Rule 62 of MCDR, 2017. 03. The violation of Rule 11(1) may also attract provisions of Rule 11(2) of MCDR, 2017 regarding suspension of mining operations till the compliance of violations. 04. You are advised to rectify the above violations immediately and intimate the position to this office within 45 (forty five) days from the date of issuance of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(ROHITA SETHI, BHUBANESHWAR)
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Esigned by: ROHITA
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